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DEPT OF LABOR

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SUBJECT: FY-77 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM

1. IN CONSIDERING LABOR ELEMENT OF OUR FY-77 IVP, EMBASSY HAS EMPHASIZED THE INCLUSION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO PRINCIPAL REGIONAL TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS: THE BASQUE STV (SOLIDARITY OF BASQUE WORKERS) AND THE CATALAN SOC (SOLIDARITY OF CATALAN WORKERS). A SEPARATE MESSAGE WILL NOMINATE SOC SECRETARY GENERAL XAVIER CASASSAS FOR POSSIBLE TRAVEL LATE MAY. THIS MESSAGE NOMINATES STV VICE PRESIDENT JOSE MIGUEL LEUNDA OF SAN SEBASTIAN, GUIPUZCOA (BASQUE REGION), FOR DEPARTURE MID-MAY.

2. WE REGRET THE SHORT NOTICE, BUT HOPE THAT IN VIEW OF THE SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED BELOW, THE DEPARTMENT WILL RESPOND FAVORABLY. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, MOST OF OUR POLITICAL AND LABOR CANDIDATES ARE NOT ABLE TO TRAVEL UNTIL AFTER THE JUNE 15 SPANISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, AND THEIR TRAVEL WILL CONSEQUENTLY BE CONCENTRATED INTO A RELATIVELY NARROW TIME FRAME. IN THAT SENSE, THEREFORE, THE WILLINGNESS  
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OF BOTH LEUNDA AND CASASSAS TO DEPART SPAIN BEFORE THE ELECTIONS IS TO BE WELCOMED.

3. WE PROPOSE LEUNDA DEPART MADRID SUNDAY, MAY 15 ON TWA 903, ARRIVING NEW YORK KENNEDY AIRPORT AT 1515, PROCEEDING BY BRANIFF 101 AT 1700, ARRIVING WASHINGTON DULLES AIRPORT 1819. THIRTY-DAY PROGRAM WOULD COMMENCE MONDAY, MAY 16. THIS

SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT BOTH IRVING BROWN AND MIKE BOGGS - WHO KNOW LEUNDA WELL - TO BE ON HAND THIRD WEEK IN MAY DURING WASHINGTON PORTION OF VISIT. BROWN (WHO ARRIVES IN U.S. MAY 14) AND BOGGS BOTH DEPART FOR ILO GENEVA SESSIONS END OF THIRD WEEK IN MAY. DURING COURSE OF SEVERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH LEUNDA IN MADRID LAST WEEK, BROWN INDICATED DESIRABILITY OF HIS BEING PRESENT TO ARRANGE TAILORED PROGRAM AT AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS INCLUDING SESSIONS WITH WALTER DAVIS' DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. BROWN SUGGESTED ALLOCATION OF THREE TO FOUR DAYS FOR AFL-CIO SEGMENT OF WASHINGTON STAY. ASIDE FROM SUPPORT OF SOCIALIST UGT HERE, AFL-CIO HAS HAD PARTICULARLY CLOSE FRATERNAL RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BASQUE STV, AND BOTH BOGGS AND GLENN WATTS (VICE PRESIDENT, AFL-CIO) ATTENDED STV CONGRESS IN SPAIN LAST NOVEMBER (MADRID 8332).

4. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS. IN ADDITION TO AFL-CIO PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON, LEUNDA SHOULD BE EXPOSED TO APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT, NLRB, AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CONTACTS. MEETING WITH JACK OTERO (BRAC), WHO VISITED STV IN BILBAO AND SAN SEBASTIAN IN MARCH, WOULD BE APPRECIATED. CONTACT WITH UAW (IMF SEC GEN HERMAN REBHAN IS CURRENTLY VISITING STV IN BASQUE REGION) WOULD ALSO BE MOST DESIRABLE. PERHAPS ED TORRES (WHO VISITED SPAIN LAST NOVEMBER) COULD ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH HISPANO-AMERICAN ELEMENTS IN LOS ANGELES. BROWN ALSO SUGGESTED LEUNDA BE EXPOSED TO ILGWU (ESPECIALLY EDUCATIONAL CENTER) AND NEW YORK CITY CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL. UN SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. LEUNDA HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR WISH TO MEET WITH POLITICAL/TRADE UNION FIGURES OF BASQUE ORIGIN. ALTHOUGH HE MENTIONED NO NAMES, WE BELIEVE SENATOR PAUL UNCLASSIFIED

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LAXALT (NEVADA) AND PETE T. CENARRUSA (SECRETARY OF STATE OF IDAHO) HAVE BASQUE BACKGROUND, AMONG OTHERS. VISIT WITH SAY BASQUE PERSONALITIES IN IDAHO WOULD SATISFY DESIRE TO STOP AT ONE SMALLER REPRESENTATIVE AMERICAN CITY OR TOWN. IN ADDITION TO INTEREST IN TRADE UNION EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (AIFLD'S FRONT ROYAL AND GEORGE MEANY CENTER), LEUNDA IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN TRADE UNIONS IN FIELDS OF STEEL, CONSTRUCTION, TRANSPORTATION (ESPECIALLY MARITIME), CHEMICAL, PUBLIC SERVICES, CLERKS AND WHITE COLLAR, FOOD, TEXTILE, AND TEACHING (SHANKER OF AFT WAS IN SPAIN LAST FALL). INASMUCH AS LEUNDA IS SOMETHING OF A CONNOISSEUR OF BASQUE FOLK MUSIC (HE HAS AN EXCELLENT VOICE HIMSELF) AND FOLK DANCING, EXPOSURE TO AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC AND SQUARE DANCING WOULD BE VERY APPROPRIATE. AN ESCORT-INTERPRETER WILL BE NEEDED.

5. BIO DATA: JOSE MIGUEL LEUNDA ECHEVERRIA; BORN FEBRUARY 18, 1940 IN LEGAZPIA, GUIPUZCOA, SPAIN; SPANISH CITIZEN; MAILING ADDRESS: APARTADO CORREOS 971, SAN SEBASTIAN, GUIPUZCOZ, SPAIN; PRESENT POSITION: STV VICE PRESIDENT

(STV'S SECOND RANKING SLOT); TRAVELS: EXTENSIVELY IN WESTERN  
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